

SHOT HIS OLD MOTHER

Shiftless Robert Morris May Be a Murderer.

She Is Dangerously Wounded by a Rifle Shot.

He Was Angry When She Reproved Him for Drinking.

Robert Morris, a tall, red-headed, freckled-faced, awkward young man, of twenty-three, was committed to the Morrisania Court this morning to the Harlem prison to await the result of injuries to his mother, whom he shot with a rifle, shortly before midnight, at their home on Gun Hill, Kingsbridge.

Mrs. Morris has a bullet-wound two inches above her heart, and physicians fear that erysipelas may set in and cause her death.

There is a diversity of opinion whether the shooting was intentional or not. Morris claims it was purely accidental.

His mother, whose name is Anna, has mainly supported him by hard work. She has been a widow for over twenty years, and is fifty-nine years old. Her husband had at one time been quite well-to-do, but when he was run over by a train and killed, twenty-one years ago, he left his widow penniless, with three small children. Robert was the youngest, two years old. The other two were John, four, and James, six.

The mother had been known as the belle of Gun Hill. She was still handsome, and during the early years of her widowhood received many offers of marriage. She refused them all, however, for her only thought was for her children, and she feared that a stepfather might treat them unkindly.

So she struggled on, doing all kinds of work, supporting her children and in after years giving them a good education. But despite all that the mother did for them the boys grew up wild. They were a thirteenth set, and gave their mother but little comfort.

Robert, as the youngest, was the pride of his mother's heart. He was also the wildest of them. He spent his time with the roughest of companions, and kept late hours. Then he took to drink, and the mother's heart was almost broken. Often, in the mornings, when "Bobby," as she called him, had in part recovered from a spree, she would reason with him for hours. He always promised to do better, but he never did.

Of late he has been working in the foundry of the Johnson Brothers, in Spuyten Duyvil, but the mother got but a trifle of his earnings. She and her sons continued to live in the little house on the hill which has been the home of the family for thirty years.

At 11:30 o'clock last night the two older boys were in bed. Mrs. Morris was sitting up waiting for "Bobby," when he entered. He had been drinking. She began to talk to him of his wrongdoings. But he was in no mood for talk, and told her to be quiet.

As she continued to talk, Robert went to the corner of the room, where stood an old rifle. Taking this in his hand, he advanced towards his mother.

"Why, Bobby, you wouldn't hurt your mother, would you?"

"Then shut up," said the son in a surly tone. But he still held the gun up.

The mother grasped the barrel of it and turned it away from her. Then there was a struggle, but the son was the stronger, and gained possession of the rifle. There was a report, and Mrs. Morris fell to the floor. The bullet had entered her left breast.

The sound of the shot had aroused the other sons. One went for Dr. Barking,

ton, nearby, and the other for Police-man George S. Lewis, of the Kingsbridge station. The physician arrived first, and said the woman's condition was serious.

Robert was taken to the Kingsbridge station. He refused to make a statement to Sergeant Lucas, and did not seem to realize the awfulness of his crime.

To an "Evening World" reporter this morning Morris insisted that he did not mean to shoot his mother. He admitted that he was drunk and had picked up the rifle, which his mother tried to take away from him. In the struggle, he said, it was accidentally discharged.

THREATENED A LYNCHING.

Special Police at Key West to Prevent Trouble Over Spaniards.

(By Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 27.—A special cablegram to The Times-Union from Key West, Fla., says:

"There is great excitement here over the attempted assassination on Thursday night of Samuel Premex, a Spanish clear-maker lately from Cuba, and an employee of the Siderberg Company. The guilty parties are unknown. If caught a lynching may result. Fifty special police have been sworn in, and will patrol the streets tonight."

"The citizens are determined to protect the Spanish workmen."

MURDERER SHOT DEAD.

John G. Shea, who in a fit of jealousy shot and killed his wife, Margaret, at their home, 163 Tenth street, last Tuesday, and then shot himself and was removed a prisoner to Chambers Street Hospital, died there shortly after midnight this morning.

IN THE TENDERLOIN NET.

Three Women and Two Men Held as Fruits of a Raid.

Harry Raynes, a waiter in Moffatt's all-night Sixth avenue restaurant, who was arrested in the Tenderloin raids last night, was held for trial at Jefferson Market Court today. The following keepers of alleged disorderly houses were held:

Minnie Brooks, of 182 West Seventeenth street; Almie Bennett, 217 Seventh avenue; and Annie Lyons, 115 West Twenty-fifth street.

Jacob J. Oestlicher, who is said to own the lease of the Manhattan Hotel at Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, who was arrested last night on the charge of allowing his property to be used for immoral purposes, was also held for trial.

CORRIGAN VISITS ROME.

The Archbishop Summoned to Make a Personal Investigation.

Archbishop Corrigan was absent from the archiepiscopal residence, Fifth avenue and Fifth street, to-day, on a visit to Rome, where he was summoned to personally inquire in a matter affecting a society under his jurisdiction.

The Rome in question, however, is not the seat of the Papal throne, but a quiet little place up the State which has acquired the dignified title of city.

The Archbishop left New York this morning morning, at least an "Evening World" reporter who called at the archiepiscopal residence was so informed.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

MORRISANIA IN DARKNESS.

Electric Lights Turned Off on Account of a Fire.

Three Alarms for a Blaze in a Barrel Storage House.

A fire which started at 2 o'clock this morning in a barrel storage house, at One Hundred and Forty-third street and Ryder avenue, did \$3,500 damage. The storage-house is conducted by John Madden, and is a two-story building, 50 feet front, with a depth of 100 feet.

The fire had already gained headway when it was discovered by Henry Brooks, of 49 East One Hundred and Forty-third street. The locality is known as "Frog Hollow."

Brooks was formerly watchman there and still looks after the district from force of habit. He aided the police, who have considerable trouble in looking after boys and tramps who start fires along the Mott Haven Canal, which runs in the rear of the storage-house.

The heavy snow made it difficult to get the engines to the scene of the fire. The men were compelled to walk and on some grades push the engine.

No. 4 was the first to arrive, in charge of Chief Row. He immediately turned in a second and third alarm.

The fire communicated to the lumber yard of Selig & Armstrong, to the north of the barrel storage house, and to the machine shop of McDougall & Potter on the south. The door south is the building of the New York Northern Electric Light Company.

The wires of this concern bending with the weight of snow, gave the firemen great trouble. There were also so many dangling wires that threatened life that the current was turned off, leaving Morrisania in darkness for over two hours. The fire was under control in that time.

About \$2,500 damage was done to the storage-house and \$1,000 to the building on either side.

Just across the street from the fire there is a row of three-story flat-houses. These were filled with blinding smoke, so that all the tenants were obliged to get out into the street.

In the house nearest the fire lives Mrs. Annie Wenham, with two children, one eight months old, the other a boy thirteen years. Both children are sick.

The woman got out of the house with the baby, but forgot the sick boy. Policeman Thomas Walsh rushed upstairs through the dense smoke and carried him down.

"AJAX" AS PATROL WAGON.

The New Policeman Carries a Drunken Man to the Police Station.

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Reaching the corner of Bowery and Grand street they discovered a drunken man lying on the sidewalk face downward. In an unconscious condition.

Picking the man from his bed of snow, the policeman found the victim rather heavy to carry. Leaving him in charge of "Ajax," McAvick went to the station-house to procure some means of conveying the man there.

He was rather slow in getting assistance, and when he did finally return McAvick could find neither "Ajax" or "the drunk."

Returning to the station he found that "Ajax" had got tired of waiting on the street corner, and fearing that the unconscious man might fall in his keeping, he shouldered the man and carried him to the station.

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SELF-CONFESSED FIREBUG.

Philip Burnhart Said His Conscience Troubled Him.

A wild-eyed young man, who said he was Philip Burnhart, twenty-seven years old, of 527 Tenth avenue, was taken into Jefferson Market Court this morning, by Policeman Rogers, of the West Thirty-seventh street station.

Rogers said that Burnhart came to the station-house last night, and told the Sergeant that his conscience troubled him so that he had come to confess. He said that he was responsible for the fire at 517 Tenth avenue, on Dec. 19, which caused \$1,000 damage.

Burnhart said he had thrown a lighted cigar into some waste which was behind some barrels which he knew contained alcohol. He watched the fire which resulted, from the other side of the street, and enjoyed it.

Burnhart was remanded and will be examined by the Fire Marshal.

STREET-CLEANING MEN IN A ROW.

Drivers and Hostlers Have a Fight at Their Tammany Hall Ball.

It came out in Yorkville Police Court to-day that there had been a lively row at a ball of the Drivers and Hostlers of the Street-Cleaning Department, held at Tammany Hall last night.

The trouble started by James Dunn, of 419 East Twentieth street, one of the members, becoming involved in a quarrel with George Ruhl, a bartender, living at 1275 First avenue.

In the scuffle Ruhl tried to drag Dunn over the bar, when the latter struck him on the forehead with a beer glass, causing a frightful laceration. This started a general row, and the police had to be called in to quell the trouble. Policeman Wagner then arrested Ruhl on Dunn's charge of assault, and also made a prisoner of Dunn on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Both were locked up until arraigned at the Yorkville Police Court to-day. Justice Koch then held Ruhl for trial in \$500 bail and sent Dunn to the island for a month in default of \$300 bail.

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